

# Vocabulary: Word Structure Analysis

## Roots, Prefixes, & Suffixes for Kansas Reading Assessment

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (R.3.1.3.5)

| <u>Prefixes</u> | <u>Meaning</u>    | <u>Examples</u>  |
|-----------------|-------------------|--|
| mis-            | wrongly           | <i>mistake, misbehave, misunderstand, misuse</i>   |
| pre-            | before            | <i>pretest, preteen, preschool, prehistoric</i>  |
| pro-            | favor,<br>forward | <i>pro-American, pro-education, proactive</i>  |
| re-             | again,<br>back    | <i>proceed, progress, project, produce</i><br><i>redo, rewrite, repaint, reheat, reuse</i> |
| un-             | not               | <i>repay, recall, rebate, rewind</i><br><i>unhappy, unwanted, untie, unglued</i>           |

| <u>Suffixes</u> | <u>Meaning</u>     | <u>Examples</u>                           |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| -ed             | past-tense         | <i>wanted</i>                             |
| -er             | more               | <i>bigger</i>                             |
| -est            | most               | <i>biggest</i>                            |
| -ing            | present participle | <i>playing</i>                            |
| -ly             | like, resembling   | <i>friendly, motherly</i>                 |
| -y              | every              | <i>daily, weekly, monthly</i>             |
|                 | being or having    | <i>funny, sunny, gooey, fruity, rainy</i> |

#### Roots

\*grade-appropriate base words

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (R.4.1.3.4)

| <u>Prefixes</u> | <u>Meaning</u>   | <u>Examples</u>  |
|-----------------|------------------|--|
| anti-           | against          | <i>antiwar, antisocial, antismoking, antifreeze</i>    |
| dis-            | not, opposite    | <i>disappear, disagree, dishonest, dislike</i>         |
| ex-             | former           | <i>ex-student, ex-president, ex-teacher, ex-wife</i>   |
| non-            | not              | <i>nonfiction, nonstop, nonsmoker, nonviolent</i>      |
| under-          | below, less than | <i>underground, underpaid, underwater, underweight</i> |

| <u>Suffixes</u> | <u>Meaning</u>        | <u>Examples</u>                                  |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
| -en             | made of, relating to  | <i>wooden, golden, earthen</i>                   |
| -ful            | full of               | <i>sorrowful, careful, thoughtful, fearful</i>   |
| -less           | without               | <i>hopeless, careless, thoughtless, fearless</i> |
| -ment           | action or process     | <i>enjoyment, movement</i>                       |
| -ness           | state or condition of | <i>happiness</i>                                 |

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (R.5.1.3.4)

| <u>Prefixes</u> | <u>Meaning</u>    | <u>Examples</u>                                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|---|
| bi-             | two               | biweekly, bicycle, bifocal, biannual              |
| co-             | together          | coworker, coexist, cooperate, copilot, coauthor   |
| de-             | opposite, reverse | deform, deactivate, defuse, detour, decode        |
|                 | down, go away     | decrease, depart, descend, degrade                |
| en-             | cause, cause to   | enjoy, enrage, enforce, enlighten, encircle       |
| tri-            | three             | triangle, tricycle, tripod, triathlete, triathlon |

| <u>Suffixes</u> | <u>Meaning</u>      | <u>Examples</u>                               |
|-----------------|---------------------|---|
| -able/-ible     | is, can be          | comfortable, washable, learnable, combustible |
| -ance/-ence     | state or quality of | annoyance, resistance, absence                |
| -ate            | state or quality of | desperate, fortunate                          |
| -ish            | near, like          | pinkish, childish                             |
|                 | action, process     | finish, nourish, punish                       |

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### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (R.6.1.3.4)

| <u>Prefixes</u> | <u>Meaning</u> | <u>Examples</u>  |
|-----------------|----------------|--|
| auto-           | self           | autograph, autobiography, automobile, autoimmune       |
| con-            | with           | contraction, concert, concave                          |
| fore-           | before         | foresee, forefront, forethought, foreclose, foreground |
| multi-          | many, much     | multicolored, multimillionaire, multitask, multimedia  |
| sub-            | under, below   | submarine, subzero, substandard, subway, submerge      |
| up-             | above, higher  | upstairs, upward, upscale, uproot, uplift, upright     |
|                 | more recent    | update, upstart, upperclassman                         |

| <u>Suffixes</u> | <u>Meaning</u>  | <u>Examples</u>                      |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| -age            | action, process | pilgrimage, voyage, marriage         |
| -al             | action, process | refusal, revival                     |
|                 | relating to     | natural, maternal                    |
| -ize/-yze       | to make,        | standardize, popularize, computerize |
| -ous            | full of         | joyous, nervous, wondrous            |
| -some           | inclined to     | tiresome, awesome, meddlesome        |

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### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (R.7.1.3.3)

#### Prefixes

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| <b>a-/an-</b> | not, without     |
| <b>be-</b>    | to cause, become |
| <b>mid-</b>   | middle           |
| <b>post-</b>  | after, later     |
| <b>semi-</b>  | partly, half     |
| <b>super-</b> | over, more than  |

#### Examples

*amoral*  
*beside, behave*  
*midsize, midterm, midtown*  
*postpone, posttest, postscript*  
*semicircle, semiannual*  
*supernatural, supervise*

#### Suffixes

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>-ant/-ent</b> | one who                   |
| <b>-ess</b>      | one who (female)          |
| <b>-ism</b>      | doctrine of, principle of |
| <b>-ist</b>      | one who practices         |

#### Examples

*servant, immigrant, assistant, resident*  
*waitress, princess, hostess, actress*  
*capitalism, socialism, communism, patriotism*  
*biologist, communist, capitalist, dentist*

#### Roots\*

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>aero (L)</b>         | air                  |
| <b>aqua (L)</b>         | water                |
| <b>biblio (G)</b>       | book                 |
| <b>bio (G)</b>          | life                 |
| <b>chron (G)</b>        | time                 |
| <b>dem (G)</b>          | people               |
| <b>geo (G)</b>          | earth                |
| <b>graph (G)</b>        | write                |
| <b>hemi (G)</b>         | half                 |
| <b>meter (G)</b>        | measure              |
| <b>micro (G)</b>        | small                |
| <b>migr (L)</b>         | change, move         |
| <b>mim (L)</b>          | same                 |
| <b>mort (L)</b>         | death                |
| <b>phon (G)</b>         | sound                |
| <b>photo (G)</b>        | light                |
| <b>scrib/script (L)</b> | write                |
| <b>tele (G)</b>         | distant, from afar   |
| <b>test (L)</b>         | to witness or affirm |

#### Examples

*aerobics, aerodynamics, aeronautics*  
*aquarium, aquatic, aqueous, aquifer*  
*bibliography, bibliophile, Bible*  
*biology, biography, biosphere, biochemistry*  
*chronological, synchronize, chronic, chronicle*  
*democracy, demography, endemic, epidemic*  
*geography, geometry, geology*  
*photograph, autograph, biography, graphite*  
*hemisphere*  
*thermometer, centimeter, diameter, barometer*  
*microscope, microcomputer, microprocessor*  
*migrate, immigrant, migratory*  
*mimic, mime, pantomime, mimeograph*  
*mortician, mortuary, mortal, immortal, mortify*  
*phonograph, symphony, telephone, microphone*  
*photograph, telephoto, photosynthesis, photogenic*  
*inscribe, describe, prescribe, script, transcript*  
*telephone, telegram, telekinesis*  
*testimony, testament, testify*

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### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (R.8.1.3.3)

| <u>Prefixes</u> | <u>Meaning</u> | <u>Examples</u>                      |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| ab-             | away from      | <i>abstract, absent</i>              |
| im-             | not            | <i>improper, immobile</i>            |
| in-             | not            | <i>inoperable, indecent</i>          |
| inter-          | between, among | <i>international, intersect</i>      |
| mal-            | bad            | <i>maladjusted, malevolent</i>       |
| uni-            | one, single    | <i>unicycle, uniform, unilateral</i> |

| <u>Suffixes</u> | <u>Meaning</u>      | <u>Examples</u>                            |
|-----------------|---------------------|--|
| -ee             | object of action    | <i>payee, employee, lessee</i>             |
| -ette/-et       | small               | <i>diskette, dinette, midget, sonnet</i>   |
| -ian            | person              | <i>musician, Parisian</i>                  |
| -ion            | state or quality of | <i>champion, ambition, suspicion</i>       |
| -ive            | inclined to         | <i>active, passive, negative, positive</i> |

| <u>Roots*</u> | <u>Meaning</u>      | <u>Examples</u>   |
|---------------|---------------------|---|
| agri (L)      | field               | <i>agriculture, agribusiness, agrarian</i>                  |
| aud (L)       | hear                | <i>audible, audience, auditorium, audition, audiovisual</i> |
| bene (L)      | good, well          | <i>beneficial, benefit, benefactor</i>                      |
| circum (L)    | around              | <i>circumference, circumnavigate, circumvent</i>            |
| corp (L)      | body                | <i>corpse, corps, corporation, corpus, corpuscle</i>        |
| dict (L)      | speak               | <i>dictate, predict, verdict, diction, contradict</i>       |
| dur (L)       | to harden, hold out | <i>durable, duration, endure, endurance</i>                 |
| equ/equi (L)  | equal, fair         | <i>equitable, equal, equality, equalize</i>                 |
| hydro (G)     | water               | <i>hydroelectric, hydrogen, hydrant, dehydrate</i>          |
| luna (L)      | moon                | <i>lunar, lunatic, lunette</i>                              |
| nav (L)       | ship                | <i>navy, naval, navigate, circumnavigate</i>                |
| ped (L)       | foot                | <i>pedal, pedestrian, biped, pedestal</i>                   |
| psych (G)     | mind, soul          | <i>psychology, psychiatry, psyche, psychopath</i>           |
| sci (G)       | know                | <i>science, conscience, omniscient</i>                      |
| sent/sens (L) | feel                | <i>sense, sensation, sensitive, sensible, sentimental</i>   |
| sol/soli (L)  | alone               | <i>solitude, solo, solitary, desolate soliloquy</i>         |
| spec (L)      | see                 | <i>inspect, suspect, respect, spectator, spectacle</i>      |

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### High School (R.HS.1.3.3)

| <u>Prefixes</u> | <u>Meaning</u>      | <u>Examples</u>  |
|-----------------|---------------------|--|
| ante-           | before, in front    | <i>antebellum, antechamber, antecedent</i>                   |
| counter-        | against, opposed to | <i>counterterror, counteract</i>                             |
| dys-            | not normal          | <i>dysfunctional, dyslexia, dyspepsia</i>                    |
| hyper-          | extra, beyond, over | <i>hyperactive, hypercritical, hyperacidity, hyperextend</i> |
| trans-          | across, through     | <i>transact, transfer</i>                                    |
| inter-          | between             | <i>interstate, international</i>                             |
| intra-/intro-   | inside of, within   | <i>intramuscular, intracellular, introspect, introvert</i>   |
| micro-          | small               | <i>microscope, microbiology, microchip</i>                   |
| pseudo-         | false, pretend      | <i>pseudonym, pseudoscience,</i>                             |

| <u>Suffixes</u> | <u>Meaning</u>       | <u>Examples</u>                                     |
|-----------------|----------------------|---|
| -hood           | state or quality of  | <i>childhood, adulthood, falsehood, nationhood</i>  |
| -ic             | relating to          | <i>comic, historic, poetic, scenic, metallic</i>    |
| -ify/-if        | to make              | <i>falsify, terrify, beautify</i>                   |
| -logy           | science of, study of | <i>cardiology, biology, astrology, anthropology</i> |
| -ure            | action or process    | <i>censure, procure, failure, exposure</i>          |

| <u>Roots*</u>   | <u>Meaning</u>   | <u>Examples</u>   |
|-----------------|------------------|---|
| anthrop (G)     | man              | <i>anthropology, philanthropist, misanthrope</i>                      |
| belli (L)       | war              | <i>antebellum, belligerent, rebellion</i>                             |
| brev (L)        | short            | <i>brevity, breve, abbreviation</i>                                   |
| cred (L)        | believe          | <i>credible, credit, discredit, credential, credulous, incredible</i> |
| culpa (L)       | fault, blame     | <i>culpable, culprit</i>  |
| derm (G)        | skin             | <i>dermis, dermatitis, dermatology</i>                                |
| duc/duct (L)    | lead             | <i>conduct, educate, induct, aquaduct</i>                             |
| ego (L)         | I                | <i>ego, egocentric, egoism, egotism</i>                               |
| fac (L)         | make, do         | <i>factory, manufacture, facsimile, benefactor</i>                    |
| jud/jur/jus (L) | law              | <i>judge, judicial, jury, jurisdiction, justice, justify</i>          |
| luc/lum (L)     | light            | <i>lucid, translucent, illuminate, luminous, elucidate</i>            |
| mega (G)        | great, large     | <i>megabyte, megaphone, megalopolis, megalomania</i>                  |
| ocu (L)         | eye              | <i>oculist, binocular, monocular</i>                                  |
| ortho (G)       | straight, right  | <i>orthodontist, orthodox, orthopedist, orthography</i>               |
| poly (G)        | much, many       | <i>polygamy, polygon, polygraph, polynomial, polyglot</i>             |
| rect (L)        | straight         | <i>erect, rectangle, rectify, direction, correct</i>                  |
| the/theo (G)    | god              | <i>theology, theocracy, theologian</i>                                |
| urb (L)         | city             | <i>urban, suburb, urbane, suburban</i>                                |
| vac (L)         | empty            | <i>vacant, vacuum, evacuate, vacate</i>                               |
| vir (L)         | worth, manliness | <i>viril, virtue, virtuoso, virtuous</i>                              |

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